

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6378
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2000
TELECOM. FACILITIES IN MAHARASHTRA
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any schemes for expansion of telephone network in villages of Maharashtra during the current and the next year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the telephone exchanges have been set up and telephone connections provided in all the backward areas of Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State for Communications

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) &(b) Yes, Sir. The schemes for expansion of telephone network in the villages of Maharashtra for the current year and the next year are given below:-

Year 2000-2001

Item	Maharashtra State
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New Rural exchanges	345
Net Switching capacity	1,45,000

District-wise details are enclosed in Annex-I.

Year 2001-2002:

As per the objectives of the Department for 9th plan, telephones will be provided on demand in all the rural and urban areas by March, 2002. District-wise plan are yet to be finalised.

c) ,(d)&(e) Telephone exchanges have been installed and telephone connections are being provided on priority in the backward areas. District-wise status of telephone exchange capacity, DELs and waiting list in the backward areas, for the period ending 31.3.2000 is given in the enclosed Annex-II. The waiting list of 8498 is likely to be cleared during the current financial year.

ANNEX-I

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6378 FOR 8.5.2000

District-wise details of expansion of telephone network in the rural areas of Maharashtra during 2000-2001.

S.No.	District	New exchanges	Switching capacity
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1	Ahmednagar	15	11500
2	Akola	7	1000
3	Washim	8	1500
4	Amravati	14	3000
5	Aurangabad	15	6000

6	Beed	9	1500
7	Bhandara	2	2000
8	Gondia	2	2000
9	Buldhana	7	3000
10	Chandrapur	7	2500
11	Dhule	5	2000
12	Nandurbar	2	1000
13	Gadchiroli	2	1000
14	Jalgaon	3	6000
15	Jalna	5	1500
16	Kalyan	5	4000
17	Kolhapur	30	15000
18	Latur	20	4000
19	Nagpur	6	4000
20	Nanded	10	4000
21	Nasik	20	6000
22	Osmanabad	5	2000
23	Parbhani	7	2000
24	Hingoli	3	1000
25	Pune	25	14500
26	Raigad	5	4000
27	Ratnagiri	8	3000
28	Sangli	30	15000
29	Satara	20	6000
30	Sindhudurg	9	3000
31	Solapur	20	6000
32	Wardha	2	3500
33	Yeotmal	17	2500

Total	345	145000
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ANNEX-II

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARAS (c), (d) & (e) OF FLOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6378 DATED 8.5.2000 REGARDING TELECOM. FACILITIES IN MAHARASHTRA

District-wise status of telephone exchange capacity , DELs and waiting list in the backward areas of Maharashtra as on 31.3.2000.

SL. District Tot. No Vill. No. of Switching DELs Waiting list.
No. of vill with exchges capacity
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1	Ahmednagar	118	77	7	1048	753	284
2	Amravati	344	98	3	1120	888	16
3	Bhandara	284	167	9	1580	1108	65
4	Gondia						
5	Chandrapur	742	270	11	1376	730	95
6	Dhule	997	600	43	10016	7953	550
7	Nandurbar						
8	Gadchiroli	1450	-	19	4288	2449	235
9	Jalgaon	63	20	2	272	225	13
10	Kalyan	1135	500	57	38288	26821	4903
11	Nagpur	97	60	4	872	483	13
12	Nanded	185	70	8	2776	2314	95
13	Nasik	828	500	47	12376	8548	1953
14	Pune	144	27	2	304	208	60
15	Raigad	47	41	3	520	328	52
16	Yeotmal	528	176	11	2784	1926	164

Total	6962	2606	226	77620	54734	8498
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